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The Wonderful Animals In Need of a Great Home

Phoenix



Tip



Pinky



Ryder



Suzy



Romeo



Hannah



Ivory



Cookie



Mitsy



Upcoming Events

Pet Photo Contest

Enter your pet's photo and win a framed and matted picture of your pet or an airbrushed painted picture on a long sleeved t-shirt. Winner will be announced at the Pet Parade on October 28th.

The 3rd Annual Pet Parade

On October 28th on the town green. Sign up at 11 am, the parade will begin at 12:00 sharp. Dress up your pet and yourself and win a prize.

Nail Clipping Clinic

October 15th from 11am - 2pm. Bring your pet to have its nails clipped for a \$5.00 donation to the animal shelter.

For further details please call the Animal Shelter at 315-4125.

Kittens



HoneyGirl



Cloud



Margarita



Angel



Allie



Hi, my name is Abby. I am a very sweet grey tabby cat who is looking for a special home preferably without children. Unfortunately, I need to have my teeth pulled due to gum disease. I am still a wonderful cat; I just need a little extra love and care. If you might be that home please contact the Branford Animal Shelter.

When it's Trick or Treat time, most pets prefer a quiet room and a favorite toy. But, if you want your pet to be an active participant in the festivities, your knowledge of possible dangers, and a little common sense, can assure a safe, fun Halloween for everyone!

- Understand that to your pet Halloween is maybe strangely-pitched music, weird noises, odd clothing, an alteration in schedules, and lots of excitement.
- With your front door opening and closing your pet may decide he wants to play with the strangers outside. Be sure your pet cannot escape when the door opens and closes.
- Even if your dog is not afraid of the trick or treaters, many children are afraid of dogs or cats.
- Resist giving your pet candy and remind your children not to share the treats they receive. Sugar isn't good for dogs, and chocolate can be toxic, so place the candy where your pet is unable to reach it.
- Do not force your pet to wear a costume. Although it may be extremely cute, your pet may not enjoy the costume as much as you.
- If your pet does not mind wearing a costume, be sure to remove all the rubber bands when you remove the costume to keep blood circulation.
- Be careful of pets around candles and lit pumpkins. These may be easily knocked over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting badly burned.



Thanksgiving is a time filled with lots of food and fun and is a very exciting time for you and your pet. Here are some Thanksgiving safety tips to keep your pet healthy and happy!

Don't feed pets large amounts of food or drippings. Human seasonings and rich stock and drippings can easily upset pets' digestive systems.

Watch those hot containers filled with turkey and ham drippings. The pets can easily tip them over causing severe scalding and burns to themselves.

Consumption of human food can also result in pitiful begging, an aggravating habit hard to break, when the family sits down for meals.

DO NOT feed your pets bones. Poultry bones splinter easily - each year thousands of pets are treated for consumption of splintered bones, causing pain and sometimes death.

Increased activity and visitors during the winter holiday season can upset your pet's routine. Try to keep your pet on his regular schedule for feeding and exercise and be sure your pet gets plenty of love.



Fun Animal Facts!

- 53% of pet owners' vacation or travel with their pets.
- Newfoundland dogs are strong swimmers due to their webbed feet.
- At his Key West, Florida home, Ernest Hemingway was famous for keeping cats, lots of them, and many of which had six toes on their front paws!
- Police dogs are trained to react to commands in a foreign language; commonly German but more recently Hungarian.
- The allergen cat's produce is a protein in cat saliva. When the cat grooms itself, the saliva dries and becomes airborne.
- About 79% of owners give their pets presents for birthdays and holidays.
- In Liege, Belgium in 1879, 37 cats were "hired" to carry bundles of letters to villages. But the service didn't last long because the mail cats just wouldn't cooperate!
- Only 35% of lost pets are returned home!

Be sure to properly ID your pet!